



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

DATE: AUGUST 16, 2016

PREPARED BY: [REDACTED]

CASE #: OI-AT-2016-CAC-0074

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S): THREAT LETTER MAILED TO EPA
ADMINISTRATOR

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)	ATLANTA, GA	

VIOLATION(S): 18 U.S. Code § 111, Assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers or employees; U.S. Code § 876, Mailing threatening communications.

ALLEGATION: Unknown Subject(s) mailed a threatening letter to the U.S. EPA Administrator.

FINDINGS: On May 19, 2016, [REDACTED], EPA Protective Services Detail, turned over to EPA-OIG an anonymous letter addressed to the "EPA Administrator, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004" which was received by the EPA Administrator's office on May 16, 2016. The letter was hand printed and it stated "[REDACTED] Knows! There is an old saying in NY organized crime, 'You hurt us and our families, and we will hurt you and your family'. The [REDACTED] would say, 'We know who you are, and we know where you live'." The envelope associated with the threat letter was postmarked "Atlanta Metro 300", "06 May 2016 PM8 L."

On May 23, 2016, EPA-OIG Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] contacted the U.S. Postal Inspection Service in Charlotte, NC, regarding the anonymous threat letter received by the U.S. EPA Administrator's Office. On May 24, 2016, SA [REDACTED] spoke telephonically with [REDACTED], [REDACTED], U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Charlotte Division - Atlanta Field Office, regarding the anonymous threat letter. SA [REDACTED] emailed [REDACTED] a copy of the threat letter and the envelope at the conclusion of the telephone call. On May 24, 2016, [REDACTED] replied to SA [REDACTED] email, advising that no further information can be obtained regarding this mailing, other than that the enveloped originated in the 300-305 zip code zones. [REDACTED] noted that the North Metro plant processes mail for the majority of the northern third of the state. [REDACTED] further noted that this particular letter was cancelled through the North Metro processing plant on May 6, 2016, so likely it was dropped into the mail stream the same day.

█████ advised that the Postal Inspector National Headquarters Dangerous Mail Group is not aware of any associated mailings.

SA █████ also coordinated with the U.S. Secret Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the U.S. Marshals Service. All advised that they had not seen a similar letter, but would coordinate with SA █████ if their protectees or organizations received similar letters.

DISPOSITION: On June 6, 2016, EPA-OIG Special Agent █████ presented the facts of this case telephonically to Assistant United States Attorney Bernita Malloy, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Georgia, for possible violations of 18 U.S. Code § 111, Assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers or employees and 18 U.S. Code § 876, Mailing threatening communications. Specifically, SA █████ presented the particulars of the anonymous threatening letter previously identified in this investigation. After hearing the facts of this investigation, Assistant United States Attorney Malloy declined the case.

Case is recommended for closure.



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CASE #: OI-DA-2017-CAC-0021

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: [REDACTED] - EMAIL THREAT TO EPA ADMINISTRATOR

CASE AGENT: [REDACTED]

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT REPORT

NARRATIVE:

On November 2, 2016, [REDACTED], Office of Investigations, (OI) Office of Inspector General, (OIG) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Dallas, Texas, received an email from Special Agent [REDACTED], [REDACTED], regarding an email threat [REDACTED], private citizen, [REDACTED] Texas, sent to Gina McCarthy, EPA Administrator. The email stated the following:

“---Original Message-- From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@gmail.com] sent Thursday, October 27, 2016, 9:10 PM To: McCarthy, Gina McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov Subject: Ban glyphosate or die you haggard nazi bitch! DIEDIEDIEDIEDIEDIEDIE.”

[REDACTED] continued in [REDACTED] email explaining the harmful use of glyphosate. [REDACTED]'s email ended with “Thank you, [REDACTED] US, [REDACTED]. This investigation is being opened because it is within the OIG’s jurisdiction to investigate threats against EPA employees. The potential violations is but not limited to 18 U.S.C 875 (Interstate Communication); 18 U.S.C. 115(a)(2) (Influencing, impeding, or retaliating against a Federal official by threatening).

On November 10, 2016, [REDACTED] verbally presented this case to Assistant District Attorney (ADA) Investigator [REDACTED], on behalf of ADA John Best for prosecution consideration concerning the aforementioned Texas Penal Codes.

On November 14, 2016, [REDACTED] sent [REDACTED] an email stating ADA Best reviewed the case background information (b) (5) [REDACTED].

Attachment(s):

None



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

DATE: December 21, 2016

PREPARED BY: [REDACTED]

CASE #: OI-NE-2017-CAC-0029

CROSS REFERENCE #: Hotline 2017-0039

TITLE: POTENTIAL THREAT - LETTER SENT TO EPA ADMINISTRATOR

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	N/A

VIOLATION(S):

18 U.S.C 875 - Interstate Communication

ALLEGATION:

On November 4, 2016, [REDACTED], United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI), New York, NY was telephonically contacted by [REDACTED], [REDACTED] EPA Region 1, Boston, MA relative to a potential threat sent in a letter to Gina McCarthy, EPA Administrator, Washington, DC. [REDACTED] was relaying information provided by [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Security and Sustainable Operations, EPA Region 1, Boston, MA, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had not seen the letter prior to contacting OI but had advised [REDACTED] to contact EPA CID, FPS, and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] sent [REDACTED] an email indicating the following: "Attached is a letter that was received by the agency as controlled correspondence, It was forwarded to the region from HQ for response. A recipient at EPA then forwarded it to me to review given the nature of the content. I have spoken with CID who is also coordinating with [REDACTED] for the Administrator's visit to Boston this evening. I would defer to your expertise as to whether there is anything concerning here that we should be mindful of. Please advise."

FINDINGS:

A preliminary review of the letter revealed that it was postmarked on October 28, 2016 from [REDACTED]. The letter was from [REDACTED], email address – [REDACTED]. The letter was addressed to "EPA Chief Gina McCarthy" and reportedly contained a courtesy copy of an Environmental [REDACTED] Report on an enclosed compact disk. The letter also mentioned [REDACTED] Governor of the State of [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] The letter was reviewed by [REDACTED] and Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED], neither of whom saw any actual threat to the Administrator or EPA entity in the letter itself. The contents of the letter seemed to be rambling by the writer and full of disjointed thoughts.

On November 7, 2016, SA [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] spoke with the JTTF TFO ([REDACTED] State Police) who interviewed the subject in the summer of 2015. SA [REDACTED] learned the following relative to the subject:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- -During the interview, [REDACTED]
- The TFO stated that [REDACTED] conducted the interview at the subject's home and saw no weapons, or anything else of concern.
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- The TFO does not believe that the subject poses any threat to anyone.

On December 9, 2016, OI reviewed the results [REDACTED] were negative.

On December 15, 2016, OI provided (via email) [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Protection Services Detail (PSD), EPA-OECA-OCEFT with an update on this matter. Specifically, that the letter was reviewed by [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED], neither of whom saw any actual threat to the Administrator or EPA entity in the letter itself. The contents

of the letter seemed to be rambling by the writer and full of disjointed thoughts. Further, that the subject had been interviewed previously by the FBI in the summer of 2015 on another matter and at that time they did not believe that the subject posed any threat to anyone. Finally, [REDACTED] yielded negative results. [REDACTED] was advised that a photo of the subject may be obtained [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] believed there was an ongoing threat that warrants it. [REDACTED] was advised that OI intended to close this matter. On this same day, [REDACTED] replied that no photo was needed at this time and "Thank you [REDACTED]. Greatly appreciated."

DISPOSITION:

Based on the information detailed above, SA [REDACTED]'s conversation with the JTTF TFO that conducted an initial investigation and interview with the subject, [REDACTED] the inability to discern any actual threat in the mailing received by Region 1, and the response from PSD, OI will be closing this matter at this time. The matter may be reopened if future correspondence from the subject is received.